

Faith @ Work: SEEN!

Scripture used: [Genesis 16:13 \(NIV\)](#); [Philippians 2:12–13 \(NIV\)](#)

OVERVIEW

As we step into a new year, many of us carry the same underlying question: *What do I need to do differently?* We want to accomplish more, bless more people, enjoy life more fully, and live with greater purpose. But Scripture invites us to ask a deeper question: not about what we do, but about who we are. This message centers on a foundational truth: God sees us. Not in a generic or distant way, but personally and intimately. Like Hagar in the wilderness, we encounter God as *El Roi*—“the God who sees me.” Being seen is the first and most powerful expression of love. Long before we achieve anything, God knows us fully and still calls us His own. From that place of being seen, we begin the lifelong work of Christian formation. Faith at work is not about rushing change, but about daily participation with God as He forms us into who He created us to be.

KEY POINTS

1. **God sees us—and knows us fully.** God’s purpose for our lives is personal, not generic. He knows how we were created, our wounds, our strengths, and our story. To be seen by God is to be deeply loved.
2. **God has a good purpose for our lives, even in a broken world.** Life squeezes us, revealing what is truly inside. When we are being formed by God, His love is what flows out—even under pressure.
3. **God gives us the gift of awareness.** Trauma, injustice, and cultural influences are constantly shaping us—and often deforming us. God invites us to become aware of these forces so healing and transformation can begin.
4. **Transformation is a partnership between God and us.** Christian formation is not something we do alone. We “work out” our faith, and God works within us. Change takes time. God uses crock pots, not microwaves.
5. **God meets us in the brokenness, not after it’s gone.** God doesn’t remove us from pain and then transform us. He enters our pain, repurposes it, redeems it, and slowly transforms it into something beautiful.
6. **Spiritual disciplines help us partner with God’s work.** Loving God fully and loving others faithfully shapes who we are becoming. As we follow Jesus together, our inside and outside begin to align.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - God sees you. He knows your story, your wounds, and your potential. Faith is not just about what you do for God—it is about who you are becoming with God. As we grow in awareness and obedience, God faithfully works within us to bring transformation.
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Who are you becoming right now? What tends to come out of you when life squeezes you? What forces have been shaping you without your awareness?
- 3) **DO** - This week, practice awareness. Ask God to show you where He is already at work in your life. Commit to one simple spiritual discipline that helps you put God first and live your faith authentically—at work, at home, and with others.